New programmes for rural youth to check migration to urban areas

2609. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programmes have been developed in rural areas for poverty reduction, employment generation rural infrastructure habitant development, provision of basic minimum services, etc. so that rural youth is not forced to migrate to urban areas for their livelihood;

(b) if so, whether these are being implemented through Central agencies or through State Government; and

(c) whether any separate budgetary allocations have been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implements a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for poverty alleviation, employment generation, creation of rural infrastructure and providing basic amenities for people living in rural areas of the country. The programmes are Swamjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Integrated Wastelands Management Programme (IWMP), which includes Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) was launched on 2nd February, 2006 covering 200 districts, further extended to 330 districts and has now been extended to all the rural districts of the country w.e.f. 1.4.2008. These on going schemes are helpful to provide additional self and wage employment at the nearest place of their residence, increase income, generate infrastucture for development of rural areas and provide basic amenities, so that rural people including youth is not forced to migrate to urban areas for their livelihood.

There is no proposal to have any new scheme.

Assistance to NGOs by CAPART

2610. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) has given assistance to several NGOs during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of NGOs have been blacklisted and assistance to several NGOs have been stopped;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has fixed responsibility on officials of CAPART against whom lapses were found; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?